



A gathering at the old German Hall in Midway. Pictured are, first row, left to right, Fred Kuhni, Ernest Kuhni, Sterling Morton, William Boss, John Durtschi, Joseph Burgener, Alfred Durtschi, William Durtschi, Huldreich Durtschi, Johnnie Durtschi. Second row, Rose Kuhni, Otto Kuhni, Ida Kohler, Clara Buehler, Alma Durtschi, Alice Durtschi, Emma Durtschi. Third row, Maudie Utiger, Elizabeth Mooseman, Louise Kuhni, Barbara Bauer, Catherine L. Durtschi, Conrad Gertsch Sr., Ulrich Buehler, Johannes Krebs, John Bauer, Mrs. John Kummer. Fourth row, Ulrich Probst, Susan Probst, Emma Hasler, Mary Huber Probst, Mary B. Schoney, Elize Durtschi, Carolina Durtschi, Elize Durtschi Gertsch, Maryanne Zenger, Annie Abegglen, Margaret Stucki. Fifth row, John Burgener Jr., Fred Hasler, Eliza Buehler, Anna K. Probst, Elizabeth Kohler, Emma K. Probst, Mrs. Michael Abplanalp, Mrs. Albert Lockner, Mrs. Fred Haueter and baby, Eliza Ernberger, Anna Seifert, Maggie Boss. Sixth row, Jacob Baumgartner, Henry Zenger, John Besendorfer, Gottlieb Kohler, Ulrich Kuhni, John U. Buehler, Michael Shilt, Fredrick Remund, Martin Seifert, John Kummer. Seventh row, Edward Durtschi Jr., Fred Buehler, Fredrick Durtschi Jr., Fredrick Durtschi Sr., John Boss, Jacob Probst, Edward Durtschi Sr., Ulrich Abegglen, Alfred Durtschi and Henry Zenger Sr.

by John Huber. The stones had been prepared by Johannes Sonderegger. They were all high priests. At this time there were no other ward organizations of the priesthood. The seventies were organized as a quorum shortly after the Elders were organized in a stake capacity.

During 1885-1886 the first ward organ was purchased at \$125. The meeting house had been completed to such an extent that the first meeting was held May 23, 1886; however, it was not dedicated until 1895. There was still an indebtedness of \$40, and \$50 more was needed for a skylight over the door. The building measured 60 ft. by 30 ft. and 16 ft. to the ceiling. It was built of native rock with a belfry at the south end which contained a big church bell, its beautiful, clear tones ringing out to call the people to worship and tolling on sad occasions for funerals.

